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ANALYSTS' REPORTS.

Mr. C. Estcourt, Public Analyst for Manchester, in his quarterly report presented to the Council, stated that during the quarter ending March 31st there had been analysed twelve samples of milk, nine of bread, seven of claret, six of port wine, two of tea, and one of sugar. The total number of samples analysed was thirty-seven, and one only was found to be adulterated, viz., a sample of bread, which was found to contain seventeen grains of alum to the 4-lb. loaf. The analyst added that it was very gratifying to observe that a great improvement had taken place in the quality of the milk supply. The report was adopted.

Mr. W. W. Stoddart, Public Analyst for Bristol, in his quarterly report to the Town Council, stated

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that during the past quarter he had received eighty-three samples—fifty-nine from the inspector, and twenty-four from the public. Six samples of butter were good, and six samples each of flour and lard were genuine. Of the wine samples submitted for analysis all were unadulterated.

Mr. A. J. Edger, Analyst for the County of Durham, during the quarter ending March, examined 144 samples of food, drink, and drugs, and found 60 adulterated. The latter included 15 samples of milk, 20 of sweet spirits of nitre, 2 of tincture of rhubarb, 13 of cream of tartar, 3 of mustard, and 7 of whisky.

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